

## **Internet Version**

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Income Tax Withholding Preference Certificate AD 0908 (Rev 2/96)

Read Instructions on reverse before completing

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<b>Purpose:</b> To indicate how you would like income tax withheld fro payment. Unless you elect otherwise, the law requires that income	tax be withheld from
payments based on rates for a married person claiming three withho	lding allowances.
Member/ Payee Information	
Payee Name (person receiving payment)	Payee Social Security Number
	Social Security Number Payee Phone Number
If your address is not in the U.S., see "Payments Delivered Outside the United States" on the reverse side of this form.  Payee Address Number Street Apt #	
Payee Address Number Stre	et Apt #
City Star	e Zip Code
Type of payment(s) you want this withholding preference applied to: (Retirement, Disability, Family Allowance, etc.)	
Periodic Payments: If you are going to, or are receiving an ongoing (monthly) benefit, complete the following section:	
California State Income Tax Withholding (check one)	Federal Income Tax Withholding (check one)
Do not withhold California State Income Tax from my monthly benefit payment.	Do not withhold Federal Income Tax from my monthly benefit payment.
Calculate withholding from the CA State tables using the marital status AND number of allowances shown. one of the following:	Calculate withholding from the Federal tables using the marital status AND number of allowances shown. one of the following:
Single, (Number of allowances)  Married or, (Number of allowances)  Head of Household	Single(Number of allowances)
(Number of allowances)	Married(Number of allowances)
Withhold \$in addition to the amount to be withheld based on the tax tables.	Withhold \$ in addition to the amount to be withheld based on the tax tables.
Withhold only \$(Enter a flat dollar amount only)  Please do not enter a percentage	Withhold only \$ (Enter a flat dollar amount only)  Please do not enter a percentage
Non-periodic Distributions: If you are going to receive a lump sum (one-time) distribution, complete the following section:	
California State Income Tax Withholding	Federal Income Tax Withholding
The California withholding rate for nonperiodic distributions is 6% of the taxable amount.	The Federal withholding rate for nonperiodic distributions is 10% of the taxable amount.
✓ one of the following: Withhold CA State Income Tax	✓ one of the following: Withhold Federal Income Tax
Do not withhold CA State Income Tax	Do not withhold Federal Income Tax
PAYEE SIGNATURE	Date

#### INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONS

# FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA STATE WITH - HOLDING REQUIREMENTS

Federal and California state statutes require income tax withholding on distributions from pensions, annuities, and deferred compensation plans unless a payee elects otherwise. Therefore, the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) must withhold income tax on all benefit payments unless the payee has filed an election not to have withholding apply. STRS benefit recipients must make their election on the STRS Income Tax Withholding Preference Certificate, AD 0908.

#### COMPLETING THE FORM

If you do not return this form, STRS will withhold income tax from an ongoing payment in accordance with the established rate for a married individual claiming three withholding allowances . If your home address is outside California, STRS will not withhold California State tax.

If you do not want withholding applied, you must return the form with the "Do not withhold" boxes checked. However, recipients who have payments delivered outside the United States or its possessions may not elect "no" as a withholding choice. (See Payments Delivered Outside the United States)

The number of state withholding allowances you claim may be different from the number of allowances you claim for federal withholding. **Note:** If you previously submitted Federal and State withholding instructions to STRS and you now wish to change one or the other-*but not both* - complete *only* the section which pertains to the change you wish to make at this time. Withholding for the other will remain the same.

If you are receiving different types of ongoing payments from STRS, you may elect a different withholding amount for each type of payment. Please indicate the type of payment that you want this withholding election applied to in the space provided. Please complete a separate form, if you want a different withholding for different types of payments.

The election you submit on this form will take effect within 60 days after the form is received by STRS. Usually, if the form is received by the first of the month, the changes will be in effect for the next payment. Your tax withholding preference will remain in effect until you change or cancel it. A change or cancellation may be made at any time by completing and submitting to STRS a new Tax Withholding Preference Certificate, AD 0908.

**CAUTION:** Remember that there may be penalties for not paying enough tax during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments.

# PAYMENTS DELIVERED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

The option to not have federal income tax withheld does not apply to any payment that is delivered outside the United States or its possessions to a U.S citizen, or non-U.S. resident alien, as well as payments made to a U.S. resident alien.

If you are a U.S. citizen and you do not want to have tax withheld from your benefit payment, you must give STRS a home address in the United States or a U.S. possession. For example, STRS would have to withhold tax if you provide a U.S. address for a nominee, trustee, or agent to whom the benefits are to be delivered, but do not provide your own home address in the United States or U.S. possession.

U.S. citizens who have payments delivered outside the United States or its possessions, and U.S. resident aliens, may elect any withholding status (married, single, or head of household) and **one** or more withholding allowances.

A non-U.S. resident alien may use either the federal tax tables with single, and one withholding allowance (S-1), or the flat rate of 30%, or a lower treaty rate, if applicable.

### NONRESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA RECEIVING A CALIFORNIA PENSION

Federal law prohibits California from taxing pension benefits paid to recipients who reside outside the state. However, if you reside outside California and you feel you still may be liable for California State tax, you may still request state tax withholding from STRS.

### **QUESTIONS ??**

STRS can only provide limited tax information. Contact the STRS Automated Attendant toll free at 1-800-228-5453 and request the pamphlet "Benefit Tax Information." We also suggest you read the IRS publication 575, "Pension and Annuity Income." and the California Franchise Tax Board Publication FTB 1005, "Pension & Annuity Guidelines." or contact a qualified tax professional for advice.